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SUBJECT: PRESS SUMMARY, JULY 14

1. NYT (PAGE 1) HEADLINE "APOLLO STARTS COUNTDOWN FOR TOMORROW; NEW US-SOVIET FLIGHTS ARE CONSIDERED," TWO ARTICLES, ONE DATED CAPE CANAVERAL, OTHER MOSCOW (CHRISTOPHER WREN). U.S. STORY REPORTS BRIEFING BY LOW OF NASA, WHO SAID WHITE HOUSE AND STATE DEPARTMENT HAVE GIVEN NASA EVERY ENCOURAGEMENT TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS OF FUTURE COOPERATIVE SPACE EFFORTS BETWEEN U.S. AND USSR. AT TALKS WITH SOVIETS SIX WEEKS AGO, IT WAS TENTATIVELY AGREED WE SHOULD AIM TOWARD DOING SOMETHING WITH SHUTTLE AND SALYUT SPACE STATION; THERE WOULD BE FURTHER DISCUSSIONS IN FALL. SUCH A PROJECT COULD NOT BE IMPLEMENTED UNTIL 1980. A YEAR AGO U.S. TURNED DOWN SOVIET SUGGESTION OF DUPLICATE MISSION IN 1976; IN TURN, U-S. ASKED INFORMALLY IF NEXT STEP COULD BE APOLLO LINK-UP WITH SALYUT WHICH SOVIETS REFUSED. (WP'S STORY HEADLINED "SOVIET SPURN '76 MISSION WITH APOLLO," PAGE 1). WREN STORY, WITH CONTINUATION ON PAGE 41, HEADLINED "SOVIET PRESS IS BOASTING OF LEADERSHIP" CITES PRAVDA AND ZNAMYA ARTICLES POINTING TO EARLIER SOVIET PROMINENCE

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IN SPACE EXPLORATION. ON PAGE 41, THEODORE SHABAD

STORY HEADLINED "SECRET SPACE CITY IS NOT ON SOVIET MAPS"

REFERS TO LENINSK; U.S. INTELLIGENCE SOURCES CALLED IT TYURATAM WHICH IS THE RAIL STATION IN LENINSK; SOVIETS CALL IT BAIKONUR, A SHEEP RANCH 200 MILES AWAY. (ALL PAPERS HAVE STORIES ON FLIGHT.)

2. NYT (PAGE 3) HEADLINE "SOVIET CAUTIONS ASIAN NATIONS ON PERMITTING AMERICAN BASES" BY JAMES F. CLARITY. REFERS TO COMMENTARY BY COLONEL A. LEONTEV IN RED STAR.

3. WP EDITORIAL "MOVE ON 'FIRST USE' HUBBUB" REFUTES THESIS OF CONGRESSMAN RICHARD OTTINGER IN LETTER TO EDITOR THAT WE SHOULD RENOUNCE FIRST USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

4. WSJ (PAGE 4) HEADLINE "KISSINGER TRIP ADVANCES GOAL OF PEACE AND ARMS CONTROL WITH RUSSIA," BY ROBERT KEATLEY. BUT SUCCESS IS FAR FROM ASSURED IN EITHER CASE.

5. SUN (PAGE 2) HEADLINE "SOVIET PRESS ASSAILS SCHLESINGER'S VIEWS ON NUCLEAR STRATEGY," BY HAL PIPER. IN HALF DOZEN PUBLICATIONS LAST WEEK, SCHLESINGER DENOUNCED AS BELLICOSE AND IRRESPONSIBLE AND AS LATTER-DAY ACOLYTE OF JOHN FOSTER DULLES (NYT JULY 13 HAS SIMILAR STORY BY CHRISTOPHER WREN).

6. SUN (PAGE 1) HEADLINE "SOLZHENITSYN WARNS THAT DETENTE HURTS CAUSE OF SOVIET FREEDOM," AP STORY DATELINE NEW YORK. REPORTS ON NBC'S "MEET THE PRESS" INTERVIEW. WHEN ASKED ABOUT REPORT PRESIDENT FORD HAD CHANGED HIS MIND ABOUT SEEING HIM, SOLZHENITSYN SAID HE IS NOT HERE AS GUEST OF AMERICAN GOVERNMENT BUT OF AFL-CIO AND PURPOSE WAS TO MAKE APPEAL NOT TO GOVERNMENT BUT TO PEOPLE AS A WHOLE; WILL MEET WITH SENATORS ON TUESDAY.

7. SUN EDITORIAL "APOLLO-SOYUZ." HOPEFUL THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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MISSION WILL BE FIRST MAJOR STEP IN DIRECTION OF CHANNELING TWO NATIONS' SPACE PROGRAMS TOWARD PEACEFUL PURPOSES.

8. NYT - JULY 13 (PAGE 4) HEADLINE "SOVIET SEES GAIN IN WOES OF WEST," BY MALCOLM BROWNE, DATELINE MOSCOW. THERE IS CAUTIOUS BUT GROWING OPTIMISM AMONG SOVIET BLOC LEADERS THAT LONG UNFULFILLED MARXIST PREDICTION

OF A SPONTANEOUS COLLAPSE OF CAPITALISM MAY BE AT HAND.
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